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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
SHIN-ICHI HASHIMOTO, ET AL.	:	Examiner: Mohammad Y. Meah
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Application No.: 10/590,705	:	Group Art Unit: 1652
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Filed: June 14, 2007	:	Confirmation No. 8726
	)	
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING	:	
AMINO ACIDS	)	
	:	May 5, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated April 7, 2008 (Paper No. 20080401) in the above-identified application, as follows.